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SUBJECT: ICCS REACTIONS TO CURRENT VC/NVA OFFENSIVE

1. DURING VISITS TO ICCS DELEGATIONS JANUARY 7, EMBOFF ASKED WHAT STEPS COMMISSION OR INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS MIGHT TAKE TO DEAL WITH CURRENT VC/NVA OFFENSIVE. IRANDEL AND INDODEL CHARGES CONFERRED MORNING OF JAN. 7 AND MADE JOINT APPOINTMENT WITH POLISH DEL CHARGE', WHO IS CHAIRMAN FOR JANUARY, FOR MORNING JAN. 8, TO SEE WHAT JOINT ACTION, IF ANY, HE MIGHT AGREE THAT COMMISSION SHOULD UNDERTAKE. IRANIANS AND INDONESIANS ASSUME POLE WILL MERELY REITERATE COMMUNIST POSITION THAT SINCE TPJMC IS NOT MEETING, COMMISSION CAN UNDERTAKE NO SUBSTANTIVE ACTION.

2. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IRANIANS AND INDONESIANS PLAN TO CONTINUE QUIETLY CARRYING OUT "OBSERVATIONS". HOWEVER, BOTH INDODEL CHARGE' SMAIL AND IRANIAN OFFICERS AGAIN MENTIONED TO EMBOFF NVA ATTEMPTS TO INTIMIDATE THEIR DELEGATIONS BY WARNING

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THAT THESE OBSERVATION TRIPS COULD BE DANGEROUS AND THAT THE NVA

COULD NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR CASUALTIES THESE DELS MIGHT INCUR.

3. MEANWHILE, GROUPS OF VIETNAMESE ANTI-COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS EACH NUMBERING BETWEEN 100 AND 200 HAVE DEMONSTRATED AT ICCS HEADQUARTERS TWICE JANUARY 7 AND ONCE SO FAR JANUARY 8, DEMANDING THAT ICCS TAKE ACTION ON CURRENT VC/NVA OFFENSIVE. FIRST GROUP SUCCEEDED IN ENTERING ICCS COMPOUND, BUT GVN POLICE KEPT LATER DEMONSTRATIONS OUTSIDE OF COMPOUND GATE. PETITIONS WERE TRANSMITTED TO POLISH CHAIRMAN.

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